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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ISRAELI AND LEBANESE POWS

REF: BEIRUT 6083

1. I ASKED MFA DIRGEN KIDRON RE ACCURACY OF FRONT-PAGE STORY IN TODAY'S JERUSALEM POST THAT DETAILS WERE BEING WORKED OUT FOR "EXCHANGE OF TWO ISRAELI PILOTS BEING HELD IN LEBANON FOR THIRTEEN LEBANESE CIVILIANS." AFTER CHECKING WITH MILITARY, KIDRON PASSED WORD THAT STORY INACCURATE, NOTING THAT AT PRESENT LEBANON HAD NOT INDICATED THROUGH ILMAC WILLINGNESS TO RETURN THE TWO ISRAELI PILOTS. IT APPEARS THAT ISRAELIS HAVE ALSO REFRAINED FROM TAKING INITIATIVE WITH LEBANON RE RETURN THIRTEEN CIVILIANS.

2. ON THIS SIDE, DELAY IN TAKING ACTION MIGHT BE DUE TO FACT THAT GOVERNMENT IS IN PROCESS OF CHANGING. I GATHER FROM REFTTEL THAT LEBANESE ARE RELUCTANT TO TAKE INITIATIVE RE PILOTS' RETURN WITHOUT SOME SIGN ISRAEL WILLING TO RETURN CIVILIANS. AT THIS POINT, THEREFORE, I WONDER IF DEPARTMENT MIGHT NOT CONSIDER HELPING OUR FRIENDS TERMINATE THIS ALPHONSE AND GASTON ACT BY DISCUSSING THIS WITH THE TWO AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON.  
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